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   odd scaly appearance-no spines-fl.yellow-flrs freq.Spring to Fall-
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" myrio.var.tulensis-new&rare-prom.brown areoles-taller than potosina-
   thinner ribs, tend to twist-close scales-5 rib 1.50,$3;4rib$2,$3,4.50
" myrio.var.tamaulipensis-less scales, taller than potosina-P.75,1.50,$2
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  rinconensis-M-ribs spiral-tubercles angled-flowers cream, frequent-
   very odd, good looking, good growing species-hardy-P.50,75,$1,1.25
" phymatothele-M-ribs 13-tubercles flattened, pointed-spines 1 to 3-
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  ehrenbergii-M-recently rediscovered-clusters-prett.purp.fl-P.50,75
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  sauerii-M-miniature-wooly center-pyramid.tuberc-cream fl-rare-35.50
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  grandiflora-M-neat, small, white spined cylindric-lge rose fl-P.40,75
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  sempervivi-Mex-dark green-short tuberc, milky, angled-axils wh.wooly-
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  polythele-M-spines 2-6, all radials-reddish-grows tall-fl.red- S.20
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  parkinsonii-M-attractive species-short, close white spines-have
    some large, very handsome clusters-P.40,75,$1;Clstrs $10 to $25
  lanata-M-short cylindric-spines white, all spreading-flowering
    areoles wh.wooly-flr pink, red stripe-last for weeks-P.60,75,$1
   tetracantha-M-tall, dk gr globular-neat, short spines, 4, all radials-
    young plts flower, red-a continuing pleasure-S.25,50;P.75,51,51.25
   pseudoperbella-M-low to large globular-very close, short white spines-
    easily handled-stands out among white spined sp-fl.purp-50,75,$1,1.50
   perbella-M-low rounded-short white spines-axils wooly-fl.rose-tends
    to 2,3,4 growing centers per head-odd-very good- P.35,50,75,$1
   celsiana-M-stout cylind-many white radials-yellow centrals give
    golden appearance-very attractive-quite rare in collect.-75,$1,1.50
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   rhodantha-M-radials 15-20, white-cent. 4-6 reddish brown, straight,
    ascending, stouter-flrs of all varieties numerous, rose- P.40,60,75
   "var.sulphurea-very pretty-yellow gold spines-wh.wool-rose fl-50,75
   plumosa-M-dense soft white plumy spines-clusters-pink fl-S.25;P50,$1
   camptotricha-M-"Bird's Nest"-miniature Golden yellow spines-soon
    clusters-flrs very freely, creamy white-Singles 20,35; Clst 50,75,$1
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   schiedeana-M-miniature, clustering-gold radials at tip of tubercles
    in star form-a little jewel-much admired-grows well-S.25; P.50,75,$1
   lasiacantha-W.Tex-white miniature-flrs when 1 in.diam-flesh pink-P25
  lenta-M-short cylind-hidden by white delicate spines-fl.wh-P.40,75
   candida-M-globose-clustering-close white spines-lge rose flr-35,50,75
   elongata w.stella aurata-M-forms min clumps-golden spines-30;Cl.50,75
   "v.minima-M-smaller growth-closer golden spines-very pretty-P.20,60
   sphacelata-M-white spined miniat.clust-fl rose purp-good-P.35,50,75
   bocasana-M-radials long white silky hairs-red central, hooked-fl
    pink-very free flowering-popular miniature-good growing-S20;P 50,75
 "centricirrha-M-dark green-large, rounded-milky-regular whorls-P.75, $1
 " hidalgensis-M-stout cylindric-spines 2,4,6,all radials-reddish-
    flr dark red-highly recomm.for free & long flowering-P.50,75,$1.25
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      cactus encyclopedia, but beautiful species of unusual interest.
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    Hidalgo-similar to karwinskiana but distinct-very wooly-P.60,75,$1
  " klissingiana-densely cover.with sort white spines-Snowball-tiny
     rose firs-Do not grow large but cluster-much prized sp-P.50,75,31
  " droegeana-a pretty species-white wooly areoles & axils-spines 4-6
     white to red-interlaced over wooly center-rose flrs, lasting-60,75,$1
   "hahniana-"Old Lady"-close cover long, fine white hair-flrs rose purp-
     lasting 3-4 mths-great favorite-P.40,75,31,1.50;Clst$2,3.50,35,310
   "sp.Hidalgo-dense white sp-grows large double, triple heads-P60, 31,1.50
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     with redd brown tinge trds tips-fl.yell-an unusual sp-50,75,$1,1.50
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     rose pink flrs continue nov to Mar.foll.by pink fruit-50,75,31,1.50
  " cephalophora-soft yellow haired miniature-rare & valuable-fl pink-75
  " sp-approaches chinocephala-firs flesh pink-very wooly-2 red cent-60,$1
    "(Viesca)-from Coahuila-large pk fl-large growing-white spines-
      new growth has reddish to brown tips-not yet described-P.75,31,1.25
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SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT CACTI AND OTHER Margaret Sackville Sniner. SUCCULENTS.

A succulent is any plant which is endowed by Nature with thickened leaves and stems and provided with water storage to withstand drought. The earliest forms in the story of evolution are natives of the tropics and will stand plenty of rainfall and rich soil. Members further along show greater and greater adaptation to arid conditions.

Succulents are to be found among some fifteen or more plant families

of which the large cactus family is but one.

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Cacti are native to the 3 Americas and their adjoining islands. Germany is a great headquarters for both plants and seeds as the Germans have been the most interested and enterprising collectors in the almost inaccessible tropical jungles and highest mountains of all the South American countries and Mexico.

Cacti are known by both common and scientific names. Common names are very descriptive, such as "Creeping Devil", "Walking Cane" "Devil's Pincushion" "Devil's Fingers" "Devil's Fishhook", in fact full equipment for the devil in his pursuit of us. Others are "Strawberry Cactus" "Hedgehog", "Rainbow", "Cow's Tongue", "Barrel", "Button", "Sea Urchin", "Bishop's Mitre", "Old Man", "Old Lady", "Old Man's Little Boy", "Dipe-organ", "Pencil", "Rattail", etc.

Many of the most beautiful flowering species propagated by grafting come from Brazil, because they come from below the Equator their flower-ing seasons come in our Fall and Winter which makes them most welcome sojourners in our homes and greenhouses, as most of our U.S. and Mexican

species are taking a period of rest at this time.

Among the foregoing are the Thanksgiving Christmas and Easter flowering "crab" and "lobster" species and Epiphyllums.

"Flowers in the Epiphyllums are a foot across and of colors and shades not found in any other one family of plants" so wrote the late Dr. A.D. Houghton, an authority and writer of books on cacti. He continued:

"The cacti contain more and greater beauties of adaptation than the Orchid, larger flowers than the Iris, and More beautiful colorings than the Rose. Cactus spines are sometimes of such beauty as to rival the feathers of the Bird of Paradise, as in Neomammillaria plumosa."

Cactusitis, a well known disease, once it fastens itself on a person, is never cured. Some collectors are devoted to obtaining all the members of one genus, others wish general collections of varying types, some build up wonderful collections of grafts, others go in for photography of plants and flowers, some wish to reise their cacti from seed which requires an untold amount of patience and optimusm, while others not limited by space wish only the largest and finest specimen plants obtainable of all species.

There are some species in South America which grow so large and their woody growth is so strong that trunks and limbs are used for supports in mines. Still a cactus but extremely small even among the miniatures are some mature plants which average 2 ins. in height and

are slightly stouter than a pencil.

Successful growers of cacti and the other succulents have learned to strike a happy medium as to the amount of water to be given members of their collections. Kept in pots and frequently in the dry air of steam heated apartments they must be given more water than they would receive in their native habitat. At the same time one must remember that they are not water lilies. The moisture content of the air should be considered and the soil never allowed to become bone dry.

Plant students are interested in the evolution of cacti from and their relation to other plant femilies. A shrubby climber-Pereskía pereskia-is known as the "Mother of all cactus". It is the most primitive form and is generally used as grafting stock. A cactus should be grafted on a species in its own genus or of a genus further back in the evolutionary chain. Members or the big group of Cereus are much used as

they are early forms in this evolution.

Intering Mexico at Laredo, Texas, which is the Gateway for all automobilists going into the interior, the first giant members of the Cersus family are seen north of Victoria, Tamaulipas, first as cuttings planted for fences but very soon as large trees twenty or more feet high and bearing hundreds of branches, any one of which would be considered as a specimen or show plant in this country. This is Lemair eccereus pruinosus which produces beautiful blooms and edible Truits almost throughout the entire year.

Pachycereus marginatus is the almost spineless "organo" employed so freely about Mexico City and many other parts of that country for living fences separating the little farmsteads. Each plant grows up tall and straight like a post and a planting soon forms a barrier respected

by man and beast.

The largest collection of Mexican casti in the United States is on display in the Shiner Cactus Nursery, Laredo, Texas, recently relocated on the Pan-American Highway, 3201 San Bernardo Avenue. Visitors in person or by co sepondence are Welcome.

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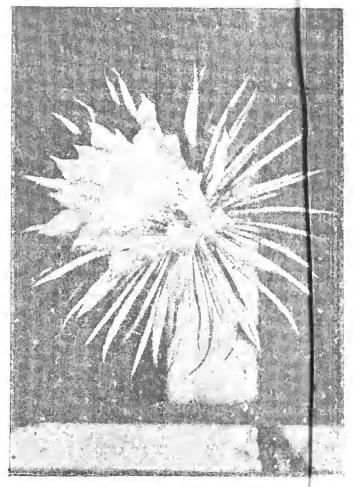
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